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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Yamazaki (US 2002/0021268).

Regarding independent **Claim 1**, Yamazaki teaches an electroluminescent display device (Yamazaki, Pg. 1 paragraphs [0001-0002]), comprising:

a plurality of pixels (Yamazaki, Figs. 1A-1B);

an electroluminescent element disposed in each of the pixels (Yamazaki, Fig. 10A element 1009);

a pixel selecting thin film transistor disposed in each of the pixels and selecting the corresponding pixel in response to a gate signal (Yamazaki, Fig. 10A element 1001); and

a driving thin film transistor disposed in each of the pixels and supplying an electric current to the corresponding electroluminescent element in response to a display signal supplied through the corresponding pixel selecting thin film transistor, the driving thin film transistor comprising a plurality of gates (Yamazaki, Fig. 10A elements 1004a and 1004b).

Regarding **Claim 2**, Yamazaki further teaches that the pixel selecting thin film transistor is configured to have only one gate (Yamazaki, Fig. 10A element 1001).

Regarding **Claim 3**, Yamazaki further teaches that the total number of gates of the pixel selecting thin film transistor is smaller than the total number of gates of the driving thin film transistor (Yamazaki, Fig. 10A elements 1001 1004a and 1004b).

Regarding **Claim 4**, Yamazaki further teaches that the driving thin film transistor comprises a plurality of transistors connected in parallel (Yamazaki, Fig. 10A elements 1004a and 1004b).

Regarding independent **Claim 5**, an electroluminescent display device (Yamazaki, Pg. 1 paragraphs [0001-0002]), comprising:

- a plurality of pixels (Yamazaki, Figs. 1A-1B);

- an electroluminescent element disposed in each of the pixels (Yamazaki, Fig. 15 element 1511);

- a pixel selecting thin film transistor disposed in each of the pixels and selecting the corresponding pixel in response to a gate signal (Yamazaki, Fig. 15 element 1506);

and

- a driving thin film transistor comprising a set of transistors connected in series, the driving thin film transistor being disposed in each of the pixels and supplying an electric current to the corresponding electroluminescent element in response to a display signal supplied through the corresponding pixel selecting thin film transistor (Yamazaki, Fig. 15 element 1508 left two transistors of the current mirror are connected in series).

Regarding **Claim 6**, Yamazaki further teaches that the driving thin film transistor further comprises an additional set of transistors connected in series, and the two sets of transistors connected in series are connected in parallel (Yamazaki, Fig. 15 element 1508 left two transistors are connected in parallel to the right two transistors).

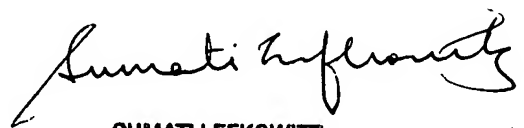
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ke Xiao whose telephone number is (571) 272-7776. The examiner can be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on (571) 272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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